

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, March 5, 2013**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Sue Sabo, Acting County Administrator
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The "CAPT Duke presentation" scheduled for 9:15 am today will be rescheduled at the request of the presenters.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for and March 12 and 19, 2013.
2. **Department of Public Works and Transportation** (*George Erichsen, Director*)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and accept the Buck Hewitt Road Phase 3 State Aid Grant Funding modification, Project HW 1103, from the Maryland State Highway Administration, on behalf of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the related budget amendment in the amount of \$221,000. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Department of Emergency Services and Technology (*Bob Kelly, Director*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the State Homeland Security Program Grant extension, Project US1120, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for an additional 61 days. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Department of Recreation and Parks (*Brian Loewe, Director*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the FY14 Maryland Heritage Area Authority Grant application for Phase VI of the Three Notch Trail in the total amount of \$100,000; and, approve and sign the endorsement letter for the grant application. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Department of Economic and Community Development (*Steve Anderson, Director*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to authorize Department Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program, Project US1303, from the United States Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$25,000 for use to complete a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs). Motion carried 5-0.

SMCPS & SHERIFF'S OFFICE: PROPOSED USE OF SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Present: Dr. Michael Martirano, Superintendent of Schools
Jeffrey Thompson, Director of Transportation
Sheriff Timothy Cameron

Dr. Martirano noted that Maryland Senate Bill SB 679 authorizes local school boards, in consultation with a law enforcement agency, to place school bus monitoring cameras on local school buses if authorized by the governing body of a local jurisdiction after notice and a public hearing. Dr. Martirano and Sheriff Cameron explained how the camera system works and requested the Commissioners codify Chapter 259 of the *Code of St. Mary's County* to allow the use of school bus monitoring cameras.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to request the County Administrator and/or County Attorney to schedule a public hearing on the ordinance drafted by the office of the County Attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Sue Sabo, HR Director and Acting County Administrator
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 12:05 pm – 1:20 pm
Subject: Personnel

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Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 1:50 pm – 2:55 pm
Subject: Personnel

PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioner President Russell opened the Public Forum for public comments at 6:30 pm in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

Public Comments. *(Comments as noted below are intended as highlights of testimony given and are not verbatim.)*

Tommy Alvey, 40581 Bishop Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

- Represents A&T Enterprise that sells batteries
- Thanked Commissioners for their response to his inquiry at last public forum on the County's policy to "Piggy Back" on another public entity's contract for goods/services
- Takes exception to one statement in the response from Commissioners - "No one in Procurement has ever stated that County Departments must buy their auto batteries off of the Delaware contract"
- Handout received.

Janice Walthour, 20493 Partin's Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653

- Vice President of St. Mary's County Branch of NAACP and spoke on their behalf
- Supports restoring funding to non-profits
- Voiced concerns with economic disparities in St. Mary's County – Requested facts and figures (race, ethnicity, gender, age, disabled population, voting districts, employment, poverty, hunger, homelessness)
 - Who is impacted and what the impacts are?
 - What is being done to reduce income disparities?
 - Are there new venues for economic development on the horizon?
 - Is there a data driven plan for reducing these disparities?
- Supports re-opening of the Lexington Park library on Sundays
- Supports building a new detention center
- Supports diversity hiring and promotional practices at all levels in county government
- Supports development of a Civility and Diversity Appreciation Program of Community Education in St. Mary's County to develop citizenship and leadership that will reduce race based programs and diversity issues in schools and community
- Handout received

Sylvia Thompson Brown, 27310 Point Lookout Rd., Loveville, MD 20656

- Spoke on behalf of NAACP
- Priority of NAACP is that every child will receive a free, high quality, equitably-funded, public pre-K and K-12 education followed by diverse opportunities for accessible affordable vocational or university education
- Supports the school systems' budget which includes funding to pay salary increases to teachers and staff that will support equity and diversity in schools
- Stated that County Government has a leadership role in addressing disparities that impact economic success and sustainability
- Handout received

Commissioner Russell closed the Public Forum and adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 7:00 pm.

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Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)